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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hideaki Kato et al.

Serial No.: 10/615,340

Group Art Unit: 2821

Filed: July 9, 2003

Examiner: Tran, Chuc

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ARRANGING LIGHT-EMITTING DIODES AND
LIGHT-EMITTING ELEMENTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
February 1, 2006:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' representative would like to thank Supervisory Examiner (SPE) Don Wong for courtesies extended in the telephone interview conducted on February 1, 2006.

Applicants submit this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In the interview, the following was discussed:

A. Identification of claims discussed:

All

B. Identification of prior art discussed:

None

C. Identification of principal proposed amendments:

None.

D. Brief Identification of principal arguments:

None.

E. Results of the Interview:

SPE Wong telephoned Applicants' representative to discuss the pending Office Action, which was mailed on December 29, 2005. The SPE indicated that the Examiner erroneously

reopened prosecution after Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on August 18, 2005 and an Appeal Brief on October 6, 2005. The SPE further indicated that the Examiner reopened prosecution without obtaining approval from the SPE.

The SPE further indicated Applicants arguments filed in Applicants' Appeal Brief, which were consistent with Applicants' arguments included in the Request for Reconsideration filed July 8, 2005, overcame the Examiners' rejections on appeal. Additionally, the SPE indicated that the Examiner's newly entered prior art-based rejections, which were based on the Yoneyama reference in the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, would also be overcome by Applicants arguments provided in the Appeal Brief. That is, the SPE indicated that the Yoneyama reference fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention.

SPE Wong also indicated that he had personally conducted his own prior art search and was unable to discover any prior art references that taught or suggested the claimed invention.

Therefore, SPE Wong indicated that the Application was in condition for allowance. Accordingly, SPE Wong informed Applicants' representative that it was not necessary to file a Response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005 because the Patent Office would shortly issue a Notice of Allowance.

F. Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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